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HELLO THERE!

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A BLIND man will be able to read the ticket after the convention meets at San Antonio. It will be Hogg and Pendleton.

The Victoria Advocate asks: "Is George Clark going to take the stump?" To which the Belton Journal replies that he will take a tree.

The Belton Journal suggests that the reason McDonald didn't state why he withdrew from the race was probably because he was too glad to get out alive.

The anti-commissionists are a badly demoralized and rattled lot. It is said that they have been writing and telegraphing to Hon. R. Q. Mills trying to get him to enter the race for governor.

BILL SNORT's open letters to Uncle Dan'l, of the Houston Age, dated from the White House, and published in the National Democrat, make very interesting reading.

A RUSSIAN ukase has been issued permitting the employment of women on railroads. On the Trans-Caspian line there are female station masters, traffic managers, signal women, etc.

The question of extending the charter of the lottery is receiving as much attention at the hands of the papers in Louisiana as the railroad commission question is receiving at the hands of the Texas press.

The Abilene Reporter is hard to suit like an old maid. It says: "Geo. Clark is mentioned as a coming anti-commission candidate. The Reporter does not want a commission but it is about a stand-off between the commission and Clark."

Judging from the report of the criminal proceedings at the present term of the county court, there is altogether too much pistol-carrying in Washington county. It should be broken up by the imposition of the heaviest fines permissible by law.

The anti-commissionists are agreed that Hogg must be downed, if possible. But their ineffectual efforts to secure a candidate to make the race against him prove them as shortsighted as the rats that held a convention and decided to bell the cat. All the rats were too wise to undertake the job.

The New Birmingham Times says: "Johann Most, of New York, is a man of one idea. So is Mr. Hogg, candidate for governor." The best thing that Mr. Hogg's friends can do is to give that calf more rope and to give such choice extracts the freest publicity and the widest circulation without comment.

Should the McKinley tariff bill become a law it is claimed that it will play smash with the republican party in Minnesota. The president of the Minnesota farmers' alliance says that the question as to whether or not his organization will put out a state ticket will depend on what action the senate takes on the McKinley bill.

Why adopt "Yankee blue" as the regulation uniform of the Texas militia. It is the ugliest uniform on earth and not calculated to heighten enthusiasm. When Texas troops won a world-wide reputation for fighting qualities, they were not arrayed in goods of this color. Better "shuck" and parade in shirts.—Nevada Tablet.

How the bloody-shirt howlers will roll the above as a sweet morsel under their tongues.

FORT WORTH GAZETTE: It is said that Hon. Henry McDonald will soon give his reasons for withdrawal, and that they will make rich reading. It is surmised that he was disgusted with the "anti-commission" men who were dodging a square fight by masquerading under the banner of "milk-and-water" commission men. Mr. McDonald was for a square fight on the issue, and refused to countenance or be made a tool of by the "non-partisan business men's club" and the "two-thirds rule schemes."

A VERITABLE RUGBEAR.

It is more than passing strange that men of the conceded ability, sincerity of opinion and honesty of purpose (although they are few and far between as compared with the numbers opposing them) possessed by some of the opponents of the proposed railway commission amendment, should be so quick to raise the cry of paternalism in answer to the arguments of the pro-commissionists. This appears to constitute almost their sole stock in trade; and there is no doubt that while some of them are honest in opposing the proposed amendment on the ground of its unconstitutionality and because of the alleged paternalistic feature, they took their cue from and were led into their convictions by the cry of demagogues. The constant cry of paternalism is the most arrant kind of demagoguery, and in making such an appeal the demagogues have taken advantage of a condition of affairs brought into consideration by the drift of federal legislation and the politics of the republican party. The minds of the people have become stirred up from one end of this broad land to the other to such a pitch by the many paternalistic schemes that are constantly being devised and set on foot by the party of centralization, that it is a subject upon which the heart of every patriot whose love of country surpasses his desire to secure mere partisan advantage has become sore. They are, therefore, in a fine receptive state to listen to warnings against acts of paternalism; and, like people who, by allowing their minds to dwell constantly upon the subject of hobgoblins and ghosts, can see one of those mythical or supernatural beings start up from behind every bush, they are easily induced to believe that the proposed railway commission amendment is paternalistic and unconstitutional. But why should it be considered in reality more paternalistic than the creation of the office of commissioner of insurance to regulate and control the underwriters' business in Texas. Or why more paternalistic than the appointment of a board of visitors and directors of the state university, the Agricultural and Mechanical College, the state penitentiaries, the insane asylum, etc. Legislators are elected from all walks of life. They are not omniscient, and when they go to Austin and are appointed on standing committees, the committee to whom a bill affecting the insurance laws is referred, goes to the commissioner of insurance for statistics and information; the committee to whom a bill is referred affecting the land laws goes to the commissioner of the land office; the finance committee makes use of the figures in the comptroller's office, and so forth. Every interest of the people and every branch of the government is represented by a department or a head, except the railroad interests. The railroads themselves are represented by a powerful lobby, but the interests of the people against the railroads are not represented, and the committee on railroads in the legislature is dependent on their one-sided statements for information touching this subject of legislation. The cry of paternalism with reference to the railway commission amendment is the veriest bosh and the resort of demagogues.

DON'T MISREPRESENT, PLEASE.

Has the Brenham BANNER experienced a change of heart? Up to Thursday morning its every utterance led The Day to class it as an ardent supporter of Mr. Hogg's aspirations, but on Thursday morning it came out with an elaborate editorial urging Seth Shepard to enter the field, as the only hope of beating Hogg. It lauds Shepard to the skies and says: "Many railway commission advocates could afford to make that a question of secondary importance, for the sake of having such a man as Shepard for governor of Texas."—Waco Day.

The Day is one of the most eminently respectable, uniformly courteous, honest and truthful papers published in the state and leaves mudslinging, billingsgate, personal vituperation and misrepresentation for that less scrupulous and more numerous class of journals which are an excrescence on the profession. And yet, in the above the Day puts the BANNER in a false light, which is bound to have resulted from carelessly reading the article in this paper alluded to by the Day with reference to the governorship contest. Ordinarily the BANNER can afford to accept such an imputation as charged by the Day that it has experienced a change of heart—agreeable to the true and trite saying that a wise man changes his opinion occasionally, while a fool never does; but to allow the imputation in the present case to go unchallenged would be unjust to oneself in more ways than one. The BANNER has not undergone a change of heart and is as much of a friend and no less a friend of the attorney general than it ever was. In fact, we are willing to be considered as being among his most ardent and enthusiastic admirers. The BANNER did not urge Hon. Seth Shepard for governor. At the same time this paper places its admiration and friendship for Hon. Seth Shepard above any and every other public man in Texas. And not only because he is deserving of the BANNER's esteem; but, because, wherever he may choose to cast his lot, he is still and always will be Washington county's favorite son, because he was born and reared here and received his education here and spent several years of his life here after obtaining his majority. In expressing a preference for Mr. Shepard the BANNER reflected the sentiments of the people in whose interests it is published. We did not mean him to enter the race, but simply expressed the opinion that he would be the strongest candidate the anti-commission men could bring out—and at that time they were trying to move heaven and earth to bring him into the contest. In perfect good humor we beg to advise our esteemed contemporary to either read its exchanges over carefully before commenting or making reference to anything contained in them; or, else, to confine its efforts to the defense of the "Warwick" of its town. For he promises to be the 'deadest duck in the puddle when the present gubernatorial contest is over.

THE PERSECUTED RAILROADS.

The most absurdly ridiculous thing in connection with the present agitation of the question of creating a railway commission is the cry of persecution set up by the railroads. This and the constant shouting and dinning of "demagogue!" into the ears of the people compose the entire stock in trade of the arguments used by the anti-railway commission advocates and opponents of General Hogg in his race for the governorship. Those who use them cannot be such innocents as to be sincere in giving utterance to them; and if they are to be excused at all for using such a grotesque plea as that of persecution of the railroads, especially, it is on the ground that they are the only arguments (so-called by courtesy) that they can produce. If, instead of shouting demagogue at Mr. Hogg for doing his duty and crying persecution against the people for demanding a railway commission, the champions of the railroads would produce some sensible arguments to justify the railroads for their freight discriminations and for flooding the railroad market with watered stocks and fictitious bonds, the interest on which the people are forced to pay in the way of extortionate freight rates, the special pleaders for the railroads would be entitled to more respectful consideration. If it will retard railroad building for the oppressed people to demand their rights, let the railroads go by the board. The people of Eagle Pass and other West Texas towns have railroad connection (the Southern Pacific) and, yet, owing to exorbitant rates the merchants of those places get their goods hauled from San Antonio cheaper by "prairie schooners" than they can by rail. Industries and manufactures started in Texas which have advantage of being on the ground and with the short haul in their favor, are lying almost prostrate and idle because of discriminating freight rates in the interest of Northern factories a thousand or more miles away, while the building of new factories and industrial enterprises is deterred and discouraged. What good, then, are the railroads to Texas if they discriminate against us? After all that Texas has done for railroads that has a right to expect something in return, and if the railroads will not do right they ought to be made to do right. Those who wish equity should do equity. The entire record of the railroads for their grasping proclivities and their base ingratitude, even to the old veterans who secured the legislation granting them donations of land, is such as to make their plea of persecution the most grotesque thing imaginable.

A DEPLORABLE PICTURE.

Politically and every other way considered, the cock-eyed man from Massachusetts, Benjamin F. Butler, is the one for whom the BANNER has about the smallest amount of respect. And, yet, never were truer words uttered than were used by him in a recent address on the condition of the farming classes of this country, as reported by an exchange. His address was to the farmers' alliance, and instead of attacking them as a class organization banded together and arrayed against capital, he naturally concluded that the organization was the necessary result of the fearful condition of the farming interests. From a summarized statement of the facts with reference to the condition of the farmers the following points are gathered: The farm mortgages of the United States amount to \$3,450,000,000, so that the proposed loan of \$2,000,000 embraced in Senator Stanford's bill

would enable the western farmers to pay about two-thirds of a mill on the dollar on their mortgages, or the interest on them for five days: that the farm debts of the country exceed the enormous public debt of the United States at the close of the Civil War; and that the mortgages on farms in Illinois alone have grown from \$124,000,000 in 1887 to \$134,000,000, while Illinois is one of the richest farming states in the union, the lands being very fertile and the agricultural system most thorough. What is said of Illinois, it is claimed, is also measurably true of Iowa and other Western states and is not due to the extravagance of the farmers, or to circumstances which do not enter into the calculation of loss and gain elsewhere. It is a general and not a local condition throughout the great West, and while the farmers of this section have managed to keep their lands from being plastered all over with mortgages, they are in but little better condition and owe that to climate and other favoring natural conditions over which the laws of commerce have no control. The address concludes that the condition of the farmers cannot be improved by imposing a foreign import duty on eggs and the few other products of the farm which come to us from abroad. It is equally futile to expect any benefit from a curtailment of production. The farmers cannot combine, as manufacturers do, to reduce their product and force up prices. If the plow stops the plowman cannot pay his taxes and clothe his children. An acre of land abandoned to the weeds means just so much depreciation of capital. By the law of necessity he is compelled to make his land bring as much as possible. The only remedy for the present injustice under which the farmers are laboring is in a system of taxation which shall do justice to all and prefer none. The farmer should buy where he can buy cheapest and sell to the world instead of to a small part of it. As it is, the farmer must buy at whatever price the combined manufacturers and middle men choose to fix, and sell his crops for just what they are grudgingly pleased to allow.

THE meanest species of littleness consists in publishing garbled extracts from an exchange to serve a purpose. The BANNER the other day in a paragraph editorial called the attention of the attorney general to the number of foreign building and loan associations organizing branches in Texas, and suggested that he might do the state as good a turn in running them out as he did in winding up the wildest insurance companies. The Dallas News pretends to quote the paragraph word for word, but makes it appear that the BANNER charges Mr. Hogg with neglect of duty, by cutting the sentence in two and not publishing the last half of it commending Mr. Hogg for his excellent service in driving out the wildest insurance crowd.

AN interesting bit of news was conveyed in the dispatches last week from San Francisco, containing an account of a filibustering scheme to work a revolution in Lower California and to secure its independence from the Mexican government. Wealthy British capitalists who have heavy investments there and a millionaire merchant of San Francisco are said to have been at the back of it. The plot was unearthed by a newspaper reporter just before the revolution was ripe, and the result will be that the property of the plotters will be confiscated and the United States government will probably be called on to make amends.

Let us be content in work to do the thing we can, and not presume to fret because it's little.

Why kick ye against the pricks? The Marlin ball is one of the few out and out anti-Hogg organs which have sense enough to know when to quit and to yield to the inevitable. The Ball throws up the sponge manfully and says: "Scanning the political horizon it looks mighty like Hogg. Unless the tide turns, the attorney-general will go in on a popular wave."

The St. Paul Pioneer Press, a republican paper, says that the man who permits the McKinley tariff bill to become a law in its present shape as a republican measure is not true to his country nor to his party.

THE Upshaw County Banner having said that "the labor organizations of the state are endorsing Hogg for governor," the New Birmingham Times retorts: "And so is every other organization which hates the democratic party." To which the Tyler Democrat and Reporter responds: "If the laboring masses of Texas do not constitute the democratic party of Texas, then please tell a wondering world who do constitute it?"

OMO seems to be blessed with an attorney-general like our own—that is, he is not afraid to tackle big corporations and to conscientiously discharge his duty. The attorney-general of that state has brought suit against the Standard Oil company for the forfeiture of its charter on the ground that it has surrendered its stock to a trust, the directors of which do not live in the state.

THE hallucination seems still to possess R. M. Hall, commissioner of the land office, that this is to be a scrubrace. Otherwise he would retire. The BANNER is willing, however, to wager that Geo. Clark will pull him down yet, provided a sure enough cat can be found who is willing to try to bell the Hogg rat.

AS FAR as reported Harrison, Henderson, Leon, Wise, Wood and Van Zandt are the only counties which have held conventions and elected delegates to the state convention. But in every instance the delegates were instructed for Hogg.

THE defection from the g. o. p. has begun early this year. Ex-United States Senator Van Wyck, of Nebraska, has renounced his allegiance to the republican party and has entered the field against it.

TWENTY-FIVE states in the union have railway commissions, and yet some of the George Clark anti-commissionist organs are engaged in calling Mr. Hogg and those who favor a commission "revolutionists."

MACUNE, who made such a botch of managing the affairs of the farmers' alliance in Texas, is now making himself rather conspicuous at the national capital.

A YOUNG woman recently admitted to the bar in Massachusetts married her first client. That client was evidently too confiding.

REV. L. C. KELLS arrived in the city at noon yesterday from Houston and preached at night at the First Baptist church. Mr. Kells is missionary of the Union Association, and is incidentally engaged in canvassing for the "Life of Jefferson Davis" by his widow in two volumes. He received a number of subscribers in town yesterday afternoon.

THE ice cream festival which will be given by the ladies of the Giddings Memorial church to-morrow evening will be for the purpose of paying the debt on the church organ. The festival will take place on the grounds adjoining the church, which will be beautifully lighted up for the occasion.

ON yesterday morning Dr. Hussey purchased the residence of Judge I. B. McFarland, in the southwestern portion of the city. The price paid was \$2500. In a few hours after making the purchase he was offered an advance of \$500 for his trade.

THE BANNER was in error in stating that the polls would close in the election of the goddess of liberty for the colored people's celebration to-morrow night. The polls will remain open until June 7.

R. M. HALL, commissioner of the land office, who is a candidate for governor, was a school-mate of Capt. W. E. Sloan in North Carolina when they were boys.

MR. L. F. GRASSMUCK was engaged yesterday in moving into Mr. Christian Wiede's new house, on South Ant street, opposite the residence of Postmaster Dwyer.

THERE will be an entertainment among the colored people out at Randle's Hill to-night for the benefit of the colored Baptist Sunday school in that community.

THE county court will resume business to-day and the court will probably be kept busy the balance of the week.

A LITTLE son of a county court-house official swallowed a nickel day before yesterday.

On hand, "Rock Lime, Cement, Brick, Doors, Windows, Blinds, Scrolls, Mouldings, Cypress Cisterns, Finishing Lumber of all kinds, Balusters, Wire Screens, Doors and Buckeye Mowers."

FRANK W. WOOD.

MYRIADS of bats seem to be ensconced under the awnings and eaves of nearly every building around the courthouse square since the old courthouse was replaced by the handsome new one which now adorns it. They prove quite a nuisance in some quarters, and yesterday a number of business men were engaged in bat-floving. Mr. Thos. Dwyer was engaged early in the morning in smoking them out of the awnings at his store, and Mingo Mathews and N. Heyman turned the hose on them at their places of business.

ON Tuesday Willie Johnson, a colored man, came over from Nevada and recovered a horse which was stolen from him by Henry Williams and sold to a farmer by the name of Richter in the Long Point neighborhood. An advertisement put in the Galveston News by Sheriff Dever led to the recovery of the animal.

MARRIAGE licenses were issued to the following parties during the past week: Hermann Windmann and Minna Strangmeyer, Alfred Mitchell and Liddie Leonard, Wm. J. Cummings and Mrs. Eva Hickey, Barnett Gooch and Minnie Wood, Ernest Schlemmer and Anna Wesotowska.

DEPUTY Sheriff Dick Robertson says that crops out his way look better than they have the past five years.

PROF. J. M. H. RANDLE's colored brass band have received new uniforms from Philadelphia.

YESTERDAY was a dull day and hot to boot.

Miss Kittie Bowers, of Ledbetter, is in the city en route to Caldwell on a visit. She was formerly of this county and has many friends and admirers.

Mrs. Portis, widow of the late Sam Partis, is in the city from San Antonio, her present home, on a visit to her friends, and is stopping with the family of Mr. W. H. Murphy.

THE Brenham Field Artillery sent off another order yesterday for more new uniforms. They have just received a lot of uniforms from Cincinnati, but since the first order was given several new members have joined. The present membership is about forty.

SOME thief broke open the lamp-house at the firemen's park on Saturday or Sunday night and stole a water bucket and all of the oil out of the torchlights.

SOME miscreant is in the habit lately of committing a nuisance in the courthouse. He will be caught up with yet if he is not careful.

THE rock crusher at the Santa Fe quarries north of town was permanently shut down on Monday evening.

MR. E. P. CURRY leaves in a few days for Woottan Wells to recuperate his health.

MR. W. G. BUSTER returned Monday evening from the Fort Worth spring palace.

SEVERAL dead dogs have lately been turning up in the city, which leads to the conclusion that some emissary is industriously engaged in disseminating poison among the canines.

MR. J. C. STUART, representing the Colorado Exchange Journal, is in the city and called on the BANNER. He is here in the interest of a proposed Texas edition.

PHILIP BRIGHT, youngest son of the late John Bright, has left the ranks of the Liberal-Unionists and allied himself with the Home-Rulers.

GEN. JOS. E. JOHNSTON, one of the surviving heroes of the Lost Cause, is 84, but as buoyant and as active as a man of 50.

"George Harris," of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" fame, now an old and white-haired man, is lecturing in Washington and its vicinity.

SENATOR Joseph E. Brown of Georgia is said to have decided to resign his seat on account of continued ill-health.

FOURTEEN hundred head of cattle have been shipped by rail and fifteen hundred driven overland from Ennis during the past fortnight.

MISS Mary H. Miller, who has served as State Librarian of Iowa for two years, will be reappointed.

MISS Ward of Toronto, who has an income of \$150,000 a year, is to be married to Prince de Benyon Caraman of France.

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